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The Honorable Jonathan N. Wike, Hearing Officer
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: *Complaint of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Regarding the Practices of Vartec Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Vartec Telecom and Clear Choice Communications Company, in the Reporting of Percent Interstate Usage for Compensation for Jurisdictional Access Services*
Docket No. 01-00906

Dear Mr. Wike:

As you may know, Vartec has filed a petition seeking to remove the above-referenced case to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. While BellSouth believes that this removal is improper, BellSouth understands that the customary procedure is for the parties to cease litigation in the underlying forum while issues regarding removal and remand are litigated in federal court. Accordingly, BellSouth understands that no further activity would take place at the TRA until such time as the federal court has ruled with respect to its removal jurisdiction on this matter. Please contact me if you have questions concerning BellSouth's position with respect to the schedule in this case.

Cordially,



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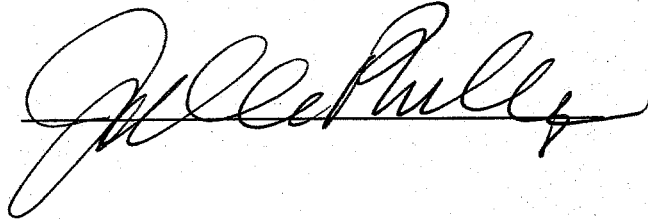
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